**BOWLING PARTY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – 5:30 pm**

**DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP – MONDAY, MARCH 4**

At Round 1 at Southwest Plaza (Cross Street entrance, back of Mall,) 8501 West Bowles Avenue, Space 1183, Littleton, CO. We will gather at 5:30 pm and bowling starts at 6 pm. Bring a friend. Please make your reservations on CMC website (www.cmc.org). Price of $25 includes bowling for 150 minutes, bowling shoe rental, pizza, wings and soda. Adult beverages (not included) are available at the bar. Check out the Round 1 website at www.round1usa.com. Karaoke, billiards and arcade games are also available at your cost. **Deadline for signup is Monday, March 4.**

**Questions?** Email Ronnie Knueven (knuevenru@comcast.net) or Ida Sansoucy (iderann@q.com).

**NEW REFUND POLICY:** CMC has a new refund policy. Because the registration for this event is $25, there will be NO refund if you cancel. (the processing fee for a cancellation is $35)

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**K1 Speed Kart Racing**

**LET'S RACE- GO KART RACING THAT IS.....**

Let's race each other and see who can win the trophy!

**APRIL 27 - 10 AM**  **Sign up DEADLINE - APRIL 10**

We will have a 14 lap qualifying race and a 16 lap final race. These electric carts go up to 45 mph. Helmets and head socks are provided.

**COST $50.**  **Indoor Karting Denver, 8034 Midway Dr, Littleton CO  www.k1speed.com**

After racing, let's lunch at the Corner Bakery & Cafe in Highlands Ranch. Directions will be given on the CMC website.

There is a limit for sign-ups so **SIGN UP EARLY** on the CMC website.

**Questions?** Ginny Keir  gjkeir@gmail.com or 303 751 2906

**NEW CMC REFUND POLICY**

"No refunds will be given on or after the sign-up deadline provided herein. Any requests for refunds received by the CMC office before the sign-up deadline date will have a $35 processing fee deducted from the original fee or deposit amount refunded. Refunds are issued by checks. Please expect 2 to 4 weeks for payment. The registering member, by submitting the payment required for this event, confirms that they have read and hereby agree to this Refund Policy."
Hello fellow RMOTHG friends,

I can’t believe it is already March. If it weren’t for the snow flakes lazily falling outside my window, I would almost start thinking of spring … just kidding … after all this is Denver, so no telling what’s in store for us this month weather wise. However, thanks to this newsletter we do know what’s in store for our Section this fine month and for the next few coming up.

The Social Committee, lead by Ida Sansoucy, has been working on several fun events for us and have already reserved a space at Staunton Park for our Annual Picnic to be held June 15. The activities our Social Committee provide for us are varied, interesting, fun and give us an opportunity to visit with new and old RMOTHG friends who we may not see as often, just because we don’t alway go on the same hikes, snow shoes or what-have-you. Sign-up for a few Social activities, you never know who you might see there!

I would like to call your attention to a series of events and hike trips being scheduled for March that are put together by Linda Lawson and Lauren Shockley of CMC. These are being offered in celebration of Women’s History Month (March) and will highlight women-centric activities throughout the state. The hikes/trips will be located on trails or in areas that are significant to an important historical female leader in Colorado. Some of our RMOTHG hiking leaders may be leading a few of these hikes, however, they are not RMOTHG specific. These activities demonstrate again the advantage we have of being a part of a larger organization with many enthusiastic and innovative leaders. The trips and events will be on the CMC Calendar. Remember you don’t have to be a women to celebrate Women’s History Month!

With regard to new RMOTHG Trip Leaders, please join me in congratulating Sarah Strandford! Thank you Sarah for taking the time and making the effort to become a Trip Leader! Look for Sara’s hiking and snowshoe trips coming up.

Your Board is diligently working on the results of last year’s survey. Thank you for sharing your thoughts, each of which is being looked at and considered as we address improvements and new ideas that will keep this a viable Section for your enjoyment.

Well, the snow flakes are still falling as I end this message, but I know we are prepared for the fun each season brings to us. See you out there!

Kirsten Tollefsen
RMOTHG Section Chair

**FULL MOON SNOWSHOE**

*Wednesday, March 20*

Get out your long underwear, thermoses, family, friends and a few dogs. Let’s snowshoe and hope to see and howl at the full moon after 7:42 pm. All guests will have to sign a CMC waiver. The location is TBD closer to the date, due to weather and driving safety (usually Mt. Evan’s Road, Squaw Pass Ranger Lookout Road or west side of Mt. Falcon Park). Dogs must be on leash. Trail start time will be about 6:00 pm depending on the trailhead chosen. It will be a 4 or 5 mile snowshoe.

Questions? Leader: Sue Henley 303-570-0129    Co-Leader: Frank Burzynski
• The annual RMOTHG Campout will once again be at beautiful Turquoise Lake near Leadville - Monday, August 12 to Thursday, August 15.
• We will have sites for 3 nights. These will be shared sites, assigned when you arrive. The cost will be $27 per person for all 3 nights, which covers the campsite only. (no food or drink)
• Campground amenities include vault toilets and drinkable water, but no showers, electrical, water, or plumbing hookups. Showers are available in the nearby town of Leadville.
• Activities include biking, hiking, fishing, boating (bring your own), golf, happy hours/dinners, games, and group campfires. The lake is easily accessible from the campsites.

EVERYONE, INCLUDING COORDINATORS:
PLease print out both pages of the registration form following this article, read carefully, fill out completely, and mail to:

Maryann Mayer
31855 Griffin Dr.
Conifer, CO 80433

*Please write Turquoise Lake on the lower part of the envelope.

*** PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR FORM IS NOT COMPLETE YOU WILL NOT BE ENTERED IN THE LOTTERY ***

THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL BY MARCH 25.

We will hold a lottery on April 1 to determine our 30 campers for this year. A registration form for one, or two in a party, counts as one lottery pick. If you or your party of two do not make the list, you will be placed on a waiting list. But hold fast, as several people move up to the campout every year.

After the lottery, you will be notified and asked to sign up and pay at the CMC website, as you do for other events.

Following feedback at last year’s campout, we have made the following changes:

1) RMOTHG will not provide any food or beverages. instead, we will have organized potlucks each evening. You will each be asked to bring 2 dishes to share - entrees, veggie side dishes, or desserts, plus a serving utensil for your dish.
2) Alcohol is BYOB. Happy Hour will be held at the same time as dinner.
3) Jobs to make our campout run smoothly will be shared by all campers.

Please email me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Maryann Mayer, Camping Co-Coordinator tophillnews@gmail.com
### PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

- **A PARTY OF TWO IS ANY TWO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO CAMP TOGETHER** (no romance required :)
- **EACH PERSON IN A PARTY OF TWO MUST BE A MEMBER OF RMOTHG AS OF APRIL 1st.**
- **ANSWER EVERY QUESTION FOR EACH PERSON. IMPORTANT: (PUT NA OR 0 IF THE QUESTION DOES NOT APPLY). DO NOT LEAVE BLANK!**
- **BE SURE TO FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY. NOTE THERE ARE TWO PAGES**
- **INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. (any blank line makes the form incomplete)**

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ATTENTION CMC LEADERS

Are you a qualified CMC Trip Leader who has joined RMOTHG maybe to go on a few of our trips or just to see what was going on in this Section? If so, you might not realize that you are also a qualified RMOTHG trip leader. We would love to have YOU lead some trips as a RMOTHG member, in addition to trips you might lead for the Bobcats or the Denver Group generally!

RMOTHG does not have any additional requirements over CMC requirements for its leaders, however, we do communicate a little differently. If you would like to lead trips for RMOTHG, please let us know and you can be added to our activity group for either snowshoe leaders, hike leaders, and/or bike leaders.

Each activity group is headed by an Activity Coordinator (see list below) whose focus is to assure there are a variety of trips offered to our membership each week, to communicate those trip offerings to our members utilizing an activity group email notification process, and to provide support to our trip leaders (i.e. equipment, notice of Section process changes.)

Further, each Activity Coordinator holds an important organizational meeting with their trip leaders before each season to lay out a barebones schedule of trips for the year. That schedule may be modified as the season progresses to promote a good distribution of trips and to accommodate leader’s needs. Once you are added as a leader in a certain activity group you will be invited to attend that organization meeting.

Hiking and Snowshoe groups generally schedule trips for Wednesdays and biking trips are traditionally held on Fridays, however, we encourage trips on ANY DAY OF THE WEEK. Working with an Activity Coordinator to get your trip on our schedules, posted timely, and notifications sent to members will make leading with us a breeze.

FYI: Our snowshoe season is December through the end of March and hiking season is May through October. April and November are transition months that depend a lot on the weather; we will add trips on those months as volunteered by our trip leaders. Bike trips are generally May through September and sometimes other months, weather permitting.

If you are interested in leading for RMOTHG, please contact the following Activity Coordinators:

**Snowshoe trips:** Elaine Kallos (ekallos11@gmail.com) and Jeff Flax (jeff.flax@gmail.com)

**Hikes:** Martha Mustard (mustardo3@comcast.net) and Jeff Flax (jeff.flax@gmail.com)

**Bike trips:** Pete Spandau (pete80007@gmail.com), Wayne Tomasello (wtomasello@outlook.com), and Jeff Flax (jeff.flax@gmail.com)
CO STATE PARKS ANNUAL PASSES
Purchase at Quantity Discount

State Parks offers a discount on annual passes if purchased in quantity. If we purchase 50-99 passes at one time, the cost for each person is $60.00 (25% discount), instead of $80.00 if purchased individually. I am Kathy Kurtz, RMOTHG member, and will be the point person to collect money, purchase and distribute passes, as I have for the last few years.

THREE IMPORTANT NOTES

1) **Price Increase** The price of passes has increased beginning in 2019, from $70 to $80. Our price with 25% discount would be $60 ea. If we get 100 purchasers, the discount would be 30% or $56 ea.
2) **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** This year I am going to use a separate email for the parks pass process. It is: kmkurtzcoparkspass@gmail.com
3) **BOBCATS – New this year** - Check your upcoming Bobcat newsletter for information on purchasing from Jan Brady who will have a similar process as ours. We will combine forces to get the best discount!

**Drop dead date** for confirming your interest to me by email is **Mon. April 15**. Once we have the combined number of purchasers, we can verify the cost to you by email as either $60 or $56 along with information on the purchasing process.

**Process for purchase and receiving passes** – **On Tues April 16** I will email everyone who responded to me with their desire to purchase a pass. That message will include my mailing addresses, information on how to proceed as well as the check amount needed.

**Drop dead date** for my receiving your check for the specified amount and SASEs (self-addressed stamped envelope,) is **Tues April 23**.

**Check mailing info.** The check needs to be made out to me so that I can deposit the checks and write one check to CO State Parks. You will also need to include a SASE which I will use to mail you your annual pass.

I realize that some of you may be out of town during the weeks of April 14-25. If you wish, you can mail me a check (and SASE) earlier to my address below.

**NOTE:** When purchased in quantity, the date for one year’s use will be the last day of the month in which it is purchased, in our case April 30, 2020.

**CO Parks and Wildlife website link to the Parks Fee Changes on the CO Parks website:**

State Park Entrance pass information: http://cpw.state.co.us/buyapply/Pages/ParksPassInfo.aspx

Contact info for 2019 Parks passes: kmkurtzcoparkspass@gmail.com

HORSESHOE TRAIL
Historically, March can often be our snowiest month. Or NOT! At least, a few snows, and cold the last two months gave us the feel of a real “winter.” You’re welcome to join us, no matter March’s offerings, for spike hikes anywhere and snowshoeing where a leader finds snow. If you’re not already on the list to receive 5 p.m. Friday evening emails describing the following Wednesday hikes/shoes, contact Jeff Flax at Jeff.Flax@gmail.com. Don’t forget to preview the week’s hikes on Thursdays after 5 p.m. in the CMC.org calendar. Our schedule below is tentative and leaders add hikes when they can so you’ll know about the latest trip offerings in the Friday emails.

We still accommodate newbies and experienced spike-hikers/shoers. Always read the trip descriptions carefully, feel free to call a leader to see if a trip is right for you, as we offer hikes/shoes for varying skills. When we lead alone, we do need to keep our group together so your pace needs to be right for that particular trip. Descriptions tell you pace, distance, but if snow is deep, the trip may be more difficult even if it’s a shorter hike on flat terrain at lower elevation! Winter conditions, elevation, and snow depth make big differences in pace, difficulty. We always opt for safety, so we may adjust meeting times and routes, or even cancel if necessary. Thanks, always, for your flexibility and cooperation!
WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE (WFA)
MARCH 17 & 24

The CMC Denver Group’s Wilderness First Aid School (WFA) is offering a two-day course on March 17 and 24, at the AMC/CMC. An ECSI WFA two-year certification card is issued upon successful completion of the course. (The certification time period changed in 2018.)

The course tuition is $100 and is available to all CMC members (Denver Group leaders can apply for SALT scholarships, which covers the cost of the class - see https://goo.gl/DhBZfM).

A one-day WFA recertification/refresher (WFAR) course is being offered on May 5. The class is available to members who have taken WFA or WFAR within the past two years. The tuition is $90 - SALT scholarships are also available for this class.


Contact Jeff Flax, Denver Group WFA School Director, for more information about the WFA courses - Jeff.Flax@gmail.com.

CPR/AED FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONISTS
CLASS AVAILABLE
MARCH 11 & MAY 13
(TAKE ONE CLASS ONLY)

The CMC Denver Group’s Wilderness First Aid School (WFA) is offering 2 ½ hour ECSI nationally certified CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) evening classes at the AMC/CMC, on Monday, March 11th and Monday, May 5th (take one class only). The classes are from 6:30 to 9:00. The class also covers information on how to relieve choking victims. The class is posted for sign-up on CMC.org calendar. The course tuition is $30. A two-year CPR/AED certification is included with the class.

(Denver Group leaders can apply for SALT scholarships, which covers the cost of the class — see https://goo.gl/DhBZfM)

For more information, contact Jeff Flax, Denver Group WFA School Director, at Jeff.Flax@gmail.com.
Learning how to be safe in the backcountry is a major reason many members join the CMC and the RMOTHG. So we’ve developed a one-evening seminar especially for members who want to learn the basics of hiking safety, with an emphasis on fall/winter conditions for our October session.

The Introduction to Hiking Safety seminar will teach you:
• the many aspects of safety you need to be aware of, including subjects such as lightning, avalanche, animal encounters, getting lost (or staying found,) cold weather gear, staying warm, hypothermia and cold weather injuries, and being stranded over night,
• how to avoid, prepare for, and how to respond to safety challenges,
• an introduction to the extensive program of in-depth, hands-on safety training offered in the CMC Denver Group’s adult education curriculum.

The price is just $10.00 for members and $15.00 for non-members. One-evening seminars will be held on April 23, May 22, July 17 and August 28.

To learn more or to register for the seminar, go to www.cmcdenver.org/schools/introduction-to-hiking-safety

JIM CREEK
PLEASE Email YOUR photos to Maryann - tophillnews@gmail.com

FUN PHOTOS

DRAT! NOW WE HAVE TO HIKE ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE TRAIL HEAD!

LOOK AT THESE HIGH FASHION GOWNS!
RETIRED ELECTRICAL ENGINEER FRANK BARBER GOT ELECTRICAL HEART ISSUE FIXED & RETIREWATER ENGINEER PETE SPANDAU GOT PLUMBING HEART ISSUE FIXED. WHAT’S NEXT FOR THEM? BIKING, SKIING, SNOWSHOEING AND HIKING.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN OVER THE HILL GANG  
A Section of the Colorado Mountain Club Denver Group

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READ BYLAWS  

IF A FELLOW RMOTHG MEMBER HAS A SERIOUS ILLNESS, INJURY, OR HAS PASSED AWAY, please contact our RMOTHG secretary to send a friendly note to that member/member’s family.